# **APUSH**

## Unit 1

Societal makeup of Americas before Europeans, and their effect after

## America

#### Pueblo

- Settled population planted crops like beans, squash, and maize
- Had advanced irrigation systems
- Cliff dwellings and clay bricks

#### Ute

- Hunter Gatherers, further North in the Great Basin/Great Plains
- Nomadic; wandered hunting buffalo

#### Chumash

- California
- Villages of up to 10,000 people
- Regional trade

#### Chinook

- Pacific Northwest
- Similar to Chumash, but with large plank houses

#### **Iroquois**

- Northeast region
- Farmers
- Lived in longhouses, built from abundant timber

## Cahokia

- Mississippi River Valley
- Farmers and river traders
- Between 10,000 and 30,000 people!
- Centralized government

## Natives had diverse, complex societies

## Europe

## 1300-1400ish: Kingdoms were changing significantly

Political unification - strong, centralized states governed by monarchs

- Growing wealthy upper class with a test of Asian luxury goods
- Muslims controlled many land trade routes, so they sought sea based routes
- Portugal created the first African/Indian Ocean trading post network
  - Used advanced ship designs, astrolabes, new astrocharts, and other new tech
- Spain followed
  - Spread Catholic Christianity
  - Pursue economic ventures in the East
  - Christopher Columbus

Christopher Columbus landed in the Caribbeans - San Salvador, Bahamas

America -> Europe: potatoes, tomatoes, maize | turkeys | gold & silver

America <- Europe: wheat, rice, soy beans | cattle, pigs, horses | slaves, disease

The previous system was **feudalism** 

- New influx of wealth -> capitalism private ownership and free exchange
- Rise of joint stock companies (Kickstarter crowdsourced type beat), as opposed to state sponsorships

## Spain

- Prioritized agriculture > riches in America
- encomienda system colonial labor system (Spanish were encomenderos)
  - Worked for a while, but the soon had problems keeping natives enslaved
  - Smallpox also killed natives, so they switched to African slaves

"Native Americans were less than human, and benefit from this" - Sepulvelda (more or less)

- Also justified African slaves by interpreting their dark skin as a "Biblical curse"
- Las Casas opposed this King passed laws, but were repealed by rich nobles

## Unit 2

## French

- More interest in trade than conquest
- Fish & fur trade settlements
- Relatively few people
- Some married Native Americans, but for business

## Dutch

- Economic goals, did not care about converting religion
- 1609 fur trade on Hudson River
- 1624 New Amsterdam

### Britain

- Had a bad economy wars with France, conquest of Ireland -> inflation, enclosure movement
- Came for new opportunities, land, and religious freedom

### Jamestown

- First permanent settlement, funded by joint stock company
- Sole purpose was profit \$\$\$
- Rough start disease & famine killed 1/2 in 2 years, and 7/8 settlers by 1610
- John Rolfe discovered tobacco in 1612; used indentured workers
- Land grew more valuable, and they began taking more which pissed off natives
- Bacon's Rebellion Governor Berkeley refused to send troops to protect vs natives
  - Attacked Indians, then burned plantations
  - Eventually squashed, but started shift from indentured servants -> African slaves

## New England

- 1620 Settled by Pilgrims
- Valued family, instead of profit

#### Caribbeans

- Climate allowed for tobacco crop all year round
- Switched to sugar cane, which brought in African slaves
- 1660 Barbados had more blacks than whites

Model was replicated in Carolina

## Middle Colonies

New York/Jersey - diverse population, rivers, cereal crops & exports Pennsylvania - founded by Quaker William Penn

- Religious freedom & peace
- Democratic & self governed
  - Mayflower Compact
  - House of Burgesses (representative assembly)

### Trade

## New England corn -> West Africa slaves -> West Indies sugar cane -> New England

Mercantilism - belief of fixed amount of wealth in world

Goal: gain as much wealth as possible ->  $favorable\ balance\ (more\ exports\ than\ imports)$ Navigation Acts - required merchants to trade with English ships & colonies

### Slavery in British colonies

1700-1808 - approx. 3 million enslaved Africans on ships in  $\it Middle\ Passage$  Every single colony had  $\it some$  slaves

- New England farmers had less
- Chesapeake & Southern colonies had more

## Stono Rebellion - 1739, South Carolina

- Small group of slaves stole weapons and killed the store owner
- Marched along Stono River; numbers grew
- Burned plantations and killed whites
- Squashed by South Carolina militia

## **Native American Relations**

Metacom/King Philip's War - 1675 - Chief of Wampanoag Indians, called Philips

- Allied with other Indians and attacked white settlements
- British allied with Mohawk Indians and killed the Wampanoags

# Society

The Enlightenment - movement in Europe, especially among elite

- Emphasized rational thinking over tradition and religion
  - AKA thinking over beliefs
- Important people: John Locke, Voltaire, Immanuel Kant
- Spread by print culture

- Introduced natural rights
- Government checks & balances
- Social contract
  - Government duty to protect the people
  - The people's duty to overthrow a government that fails to do so

## New Light Clergy - group of Christian colonial ministers

- Emphasized Democratic principles of the Bible
- Led to leveling out of society
- Laid groundwork for...

## The Great Awakening - massive religious revival

- Swept through all the colonies
- Jonathan Edwards was a New England minister who started the movement
- George Whitfield spread the movement
- Resulted in a large scale return to Christian faith
- Bound colonists together and closer
- First true American identify
  - Leads way for rebellion against Britain

## Unit 3

## The French and Indian War

- Part of 7 Years War
- Started because British colonists disliked French encroachment on their territory
  - Ohio River territory specifically
  - Funny, because French had the same view
  - Britain was losing to the French and their Indian allies
- Albany Plan of Union by Benjamin Franklin
  - Called for more centralized government, thus a more coordinated defense
- British eventually won
  - Signed the *Peace of Paris* in 1763
    - \* French almost completely kicked from North America
    - \* Louisiana given to Spain
    - \* British doubled their land (all land East of the Mississippi River)

Land hungry colonists push East, which increased Native American tensions

## Royal Proclamation of 1763 - forbade taking land in the Ohio River Valley

• This frustrated colonists, especially those who fought in the war, because they felt that they had "earned" this land

However, as a result of the war, British debt doubled and the cost of colonies increased by five times. This lead to further taxation.

#### **Taxation**

## Quartering Act of 1765

- The war was over, but troops would remain
- Colonists had to house and feed these troops

Sugar Act - taxes on coffee and wine

 ${\bf Stamp\ Act\ of\ 1765}$  - tax on all paper items

### Taxation without representation

- Means unjust to be unrepresented in Parliament
- Britain countered by saying they were virtually represented
  - Members of Parliament represented all classes and not locations
  - Therefore, the colonists were "represented"
- Stamp Act Congress (27 delegates from 9 colonies in New York) managed to get Act repealed
- However, at the same time, they passed the *Declaratory Act* 
  - This said Britain had the right to pass any law they wanted to in the colonies

## Townshend Acts - 1767 - levied taxes on imported goods like paper, glass, & tea

- Highly organized protests resulted from this act
  - Largely depended on women
    - \* Spun their own cloth, brewed own tea, etc to avoid importing from Britain

#### **Boston Massacre**

- 1770
- Group of boys/young men harassed stationed troops
  - Threw snowballs and stones
- First shot rang, and more after
- 11 colonists wounded and 4 dead
- 6 out of 8 soldiers were acquitted when put on trial

## **Boston Tea Party**

- Response to the passing of the Tea Act of 1773
- Gave British East India Company exclusive rights
  - Colonists smuggled in tea from the Dutch
- $\bullet$  ~50 colonists disguised as Indians boarded a merchant ship and dumped 45 tons of tea
- Coercive Acts passed in retaliation closed down Boston Harbor until tea paid for
- New quartering act as well {}-> known as the *Intolerable Acts*

## Independence

## Continental Congress of 1774

- Patriots met and agreed that the colonies needed to resist the British violations
  - However, they still wanted to remain British subjects not independent
- Guided by Enlightenment and their idea of natural rights and social contract
- Liked the Republican government and checks and balances
- 1776 the second meeting of the Congress decided independence was the only way

### Common Sense - pamphlet by Thomas Paine that spread the idea of independence

## Declaration of Independence

- Written by Thomas Jefferson
- Contained many Enlightenment ideas
- Presented to Congress and adopted on July 2nd, 1776 (made public on the 4th)

## **American Revolution**

- Continental Army was approved by Congress and appointed George Washington as general
- Army was weak and ill-equipped and poorly trained
- Battle of Saratoga 1777 crushing British defeat that convinced French as an ally
- Battle of Yorktown 1781 British Army surrendered

• American Revolution inspired similar revolutions in France and Haiti

### Articles of Confederation

- Previously, states assembled their own constitutions and governments
- 1781 ratified new document for the new nation
- All power for the federal government was put into the legislative body
  - No executive or judicial branches
  - No national military force
  - Very limited power to tax

### Northwest Ordinance of 1787

- Provided a plan for how unformed territories could be occupied and apply for statehood
- Abolished slavery in the Northwest territory

## Shays' Rebellion

- Daniel Shays was a farmer who was unable to pay debts after the war
- He gathered a crowd of ~1k and headed to the town Arsenal
- Was quickly squashed by local militia
- But it displayed the weakness of the Articles of Confederation
- Resulted in Constitutional Convention being called in 1787

#### **New Constitution**

- Federalists (urban, commercial people) wanted a stronger central government
- Anti-Federalists (rural) liked the states having power
- Virginia Plan representation by population, favoring the big states
- New Jersey Plan equal representation regardless of population, favoring small states
- The Great Compromise two houses (bicameral congress): House of Representatives (population) and Senate (equal representation)
- 3/5ths Compromise a slave counted as 3/5ths of a person when it came to population

Federalist Papers - Federalist biased essays written by Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, and James Madison to convince the general public

Anti-Federalists argued against it because it lacked a Bill of Rights

March 1789 - New Constitution officially in effect

## First Presidencies

## Washington Presidency (1789-1797)

- George Washington as President
  - John Adams Vice President
- Established Departments of the Treasury, State and War and Justice
  - Appointed Alexander Hamilton as the first Secretary of the Treasury
    - \* National bank and debt plan
      - · Elastic clause Congress has the right to make any law that is necessary and proper to carry out a responsibility
- Remained neutral in the French Revolution of 1789
- Whiskey Rebellion 1794 Hamilton had a tax on whiskey, which did not go well with the poor frontier farmers
  - Washington federalized 4 state militias and crushed it

\* Democratic Republicans (Thomas Jefferson, James Madison) thought they federal government was overstepping

# John Adams Presidency (1797-1801)

- XYZ Affair:
  - War broke out between France and Britain
  - Adams insisted on remaining neutral, but French seized American trade ships and he sent a delegation to France
  - 3 Frenchmen met them and demanded a bribe, only to be known as X, Y, and Z
- Alien and Sedition Acts
  - Alien Acts made it legal and easy to deport any non-citizens of the United States
    - \* Mainly aimed at growing Irish and Scottish immigrants
  - Sedition Acts made it illegal to criticize the government publicly
- Virginia and Kentucky Resolutions
  - The Democratic Republicans' response to the Alien and Sedition Acts, which they believed to be a blatant overreach
  - Any law passed by the federal government that is blatantly unconstitutional can be nullified by the states

## The State of the Nation

## Relationship between US, Britain, Spain, and Indians

Indian Trade and Intercourse Act - regulated the relationships between settlers and Indians, and made provisions for fair dealings

- Settlers largely ignored this however, and as more moved West the conflicts increased
  - Britain supported the Indians

Pinckney Treaty - Decided the border between US and Spain (tension with Spain on the Southern frontier border)

## Slavery (atm)

Increase in free blacks in the Northern states

- New Jersey granted free blacks who owned property the right to vote
- In Philadelphia, blacks formed the first African American church denomination (African Methodist Episcopal Church)

Slave population was growing rapidly in the South, and new legislature made freeing slaves nearly impossible

• As slave owners migrated West, they also brought the institution of slavery with them

## Unit 4

# Jefferson Presidency (1801-1809)

## **Barbary Pirates**

- US government had to pay tribute for protection of merchant ships
- Washington and Adams agreed, but Jefferson was morally opposed
- Jefferson ordered payments to cease, so the pirates lifted protection and attacked ships
- Jefferson sent the US Navy to retaliate, but eventually negotiated a reduced payment

#### Louisiana Purchase

- Haitians won independence from France in 1791
- Jefferson saw this as an opportunity to gain navigation rights on Mississippi River in New Orleans
  - Sent James Monroe to France with \$2 million dollars
  - However, now that Haiti was lost, Napoleon had little use for the territory
  - Monroe bought all of Louisiana for \$15 million dollars

## Corps of Discovery

- Led by Meriwether Lewis and William Clark
- Explored the newly purchased territory
  - Southern part of the territory was explored and mapped by Zebulon Pike
- Led to more accurate mapping, scientific findings, and diplomatic relations with the Indians

## Midnight Judges

- Judiciary Act was passed before Jefferson and his Democratic Republicans took office
  - Created 16 new spots for federal judges
  - John Adams appointed Federalist judges to all those spots on his way out
  - Jefferson's Secretary of State James Madison refused to appoint some
  - Led to Marbury v. Madison, led by Chief Justice John Marshall
    - \* Judiciary Act was unconstitutional, so William Marbury would not be commissioned

Increased power of Supreme Court

#### War of 1812

- France and Britain were fighting, and kept on seizing American merchant ships
- British impressment capturing Americans and forcing them to serve in Navy
- America declared war on Britain in June of 1812
  - Democratic Republics supported
  - Federalists opposed
    - \* Met together at Hartford Convention in 1814
      - · Wanted New England to secede from the Union
- American won the war
  - Boosted nationalism
  - Final demise of the Federalist Party
  - Showed weaknesses
    - \* No national bank anymore
    - \* No transportation infrastucture

## Henry Clay's American System

- 1. Federally funded internal improvements
  - Roads and canals to aid farmers and merchants
  - Vetoed because Madison disliked how it would expand Federal power
- 2. Implementation of protective tariffs
  - Protect local US manufacturers
- 3. Re-establish Bank of the United States

### Further Westward expansion

- Missouri applied for statehood in 1819
  - Thousands of slaves were in Missouri territory
  - Tallmadge Amendment prohibited slavery in the new state

- This would upset the free/slave state balance
- Henry Clay proposed the Compromise of 1820/Missouri Compromise
  - \* Missouri would be a slave state
  - \* Maine would be a free state
  - \* Southern border of Missouri would now seperate free/slave territories

## Global Affairs

- President James Monroe sent John Quincy Adams to London to settle territorial claims
  - Negotiated US Canadian Border
  - Joint US Britain occupation of Oregon territory
- Adams-Onis Treaty Spain sold Florida to the United States and established the Southern border
- Monroe Doctrine established the Western hemisphere as a US sphere of influence perpetually free of European influence
  - US would not get involved in European affairs
  - US would not interfere with existing European colonies in Western hemisphere
  - No other nation could form a new colony in the Western hemisphere

## Society and Economy

Market revolution - linking of northern industries with western and southern farms which was created by advanced in agriculture, industry, communication, and transport

Henry Clay proposed the American System

### New technologies

Cotton gin - significantly sped up the process of separating seed from cotton fibers Spinning machine - sped up process of spinning cotton into yarn Interchangeable parts - *Industrial Revolution* -> American System of Manufacturing

• Water powered machines divided labor into small repeatable tasks performed by unskilled laborers -> mass production

Steam boats - allowed transportation upstream Canals [Erie Canal] /-> Railroads also benefited the economy massively

#### Society

- Industrial cities exploded in both population and diversity
  - -1820-1840  $\sim$ 2 million immigrants, mostly German and Irish
    - \* Some settled on Eastern seaboard and expanded cheap labor
    - \* Formed class of laboring park
      - · Crowded in unsanitary tenements
    - \* Immigrants brought over their cultures
- Growing middle class
  - People such as: businessmen, shopkeepers, journalists, doctors, lawyers
  - Had disposable income to spend on leisure activities
- Women had to conform to Cult of Domesticity
  - A woman's life revolved around childbearing and making the home a haven of rest for her husband
  - A husband's place was outside the home, working
  - Separation of the sexes
    - \* Middle and upper class phenomenon only
    - \* Lower class women had to work

## **Expansion of Democracy**

Only property owning white males could vote

## Panic of 1819

- Causes:
  - Irresponsible banking practices
  - Decreased demand for exports
- Effects:
  - Working men demanded the franchise (ability to vote) to hold politicians accountable

By 1825, most eastern states had lowered/limited property qualifications for voting Increased votes -> growth/realignment of political parties

#### Election of 1824

- Led to a split in the Democratic Republican Party
  - National Republicans
    - \* Expansive view of federal power
    - \* Loose Constructionists
      - · John Quincy Adams & Henry Clay
  - Democrats
    - \* Restrictive view of federal power
    - \* Strict Constructionists
      - · Andrew Jackson
- Jackson won popular vote, but nobody won the majority of the electoral vote
- House of Representatives chose Adams
  - Adams named Clay his Secretary of State Corrupt Bargain

By the next election in 1828, they were separate political parties Jackson won this time

# Andrew Jackson Presidency (1829-1837)

- Two major parties at this time
  - Democrats led by Andrew Jackson
  - Whigs led by Henry Clay
- Disagreed over the scope of federal power

## Scope of Federal Power

**Tariff of 1828** - raised import duties up to 50%

- Northern manufacturers and western farmers loved this because it protected their industries
- Southerners hated it because they relied on imported goods called it the Tariff of Abominations
- Reaffirmed under the Jackson Administration in 1832
- Vice President John C. Calhoun was from South Carolina and shared the Southern hate
  - Nullification the action of a state impeding or attempting to prevent the operation and enforcement within its territory of a law of the federal government
  - South Carolina decided they would not pay these taxes
    - \* Would secede if federal authorities came to collect
- Jackson passed the Force Bill to give him the authority to use federal troops to enforce federal law in South Carolina
  - Also worked with Congress to lower taxes to keep South Carolina in the union
  - South Carolina legislature nullified the Force Bill too haha

## Jackson's Veto of the Second Bank of the US

- State banks started closing because they couldn't make payments to the national bank
  - Many people were left with worthless money
  - National banks favored the elite over ordinary citizens
    - \* Jackson was a man of the people

#### Indian Removal Act of 1830

- Cherokee had declared themselves a sovereign nation within US borders
- Georgians did not see it that way
  - They were fine with it until gold was involved (greedy white people)
- Refused to resettle across the Mississippi River
  - Challenged in the Supreme Court Worcester v. Georgia
    - \* Court ruled Cherokee Nation was sovereign and Georgia did not have the right to impose state laws within their boundaries
  - Treaty of New Echota exchanged Cherokee land in Georgia for a reservation territory west of the Mississippi River
    - \* US officials persuaded small group of Cherokees to sign really had no authority to sign in 1835
    - \* Forced removal began in 1838 for those who did not voluntarily leave
      - · Trail of Tears

#### Transcendentalism

A movement of writers and philosophers in New England who were loosely bound together by adherence to an idealistic system of thought based on a belief in the essential unity of all creation, the innate goodness of humanity, and the supremacy of insight over logic and experience for the revelation of the deepest truths

## Noah Webster's American Dictionary of the English Language

- Standardized the spelling and pronunciation of American English
- Used in schools and academies

Ralph Waldo Emerson believed that moral perfection could be achieved in the US

**Henry David Thoreau** lived among natural for a year and made an experiment of human perfection, and wrote it down in a book called *Walden: Life in the Woods* 

An effort towards spiritual renewal in America

Utopian Communities - groups of people influenced by European intellectuals and American values of democracy and equality

- Oneida Community
  - Believed the second coming of Christ had already occurred
  - Therefore, we must shake off the restraints of the kingdom of this world and live communally and in perfect equality
    - \* Each member relinquished any private property they owned
    - \* Complex marraige uhh

### Second Great Awakening

- Baptists and Methodists and Presbyterians organized camp meetings in the woods for days on end with dozens of evangelical preachers
  - Relatively egalitarian included whites, blacks, free and enslaved people, men and women etc
  - For the most part ^;
    - \* Southern Baptist split from their denomination because of the baptist abolitionists in the north
- Charles Finney a New York preacher who was very popular and spread the idea
  - Emphasized moral reformation of society, instead of personal moral reformation in the first Great Awakening

### Temperance Movement

- American Temperance Society was founded 1826 by businessmen and clergy
  - Directed towards working class men who abused alcohol
  - Goal was complete abstinence of alcohol
  - Over 5,000 chapters

#### Mormonism

- Founded by Joseph Smith
  - Claimed he received visions from God
    - \* All churches in America from strayed from the teachings of the original Church
  - Translated the Book of Mormon from gold plates buried in hills of Palmyra, New York
  - New Yorkers tolerated Mormons until polygamy (many wives)
    - \* Smith was lynched in Missouri
    - \* Brigham Young led the group to establish a theocracy on the Great Salt Lakes of Utah

## Abolitionism & Women's Rights

- Mainly confined to free blacks and Quakers in the 1820s
- However, the movement started growing
  - William Lloyd Garrison's *The Liberator* newspaper
    - \* Argued that whites needed to take a stand on slavery by means of moral persuasion and not violence
  - American Anti-Slavery Society
    - \* Spread among northern states, but not everyone supported
      - · Northern merchants & manufacturers feared abolition's effects on the cotton and sugar trade
      - · White working men were afraid of losing their jobs
  - Women supporters felt they couldn't help the cause unless they had more rights
  - Seneca Falls convention in New York, 1848
    - \* First womens rights conference
    - \* Declaration of Sentiments
      - · Called for women's equality in education, legal rights, and voting

## Nat Turner's Rebellion (1831)

After 1830, plantations began to expand alongside Western Expansion. They created a wealthy plantation aristocracy, and protected it through hard discipline towards slaves. They were extremely scared of a slave uprising (Haitian Revolution was not long ago).

Nat was a black laborer in Virginia. He organized a slave rebellion, believing that God had given him a mission to do so. He killed over 50 white people, and was eventually publicly hanged with his 55 followers. His rebellion only increased Southerners' fears, which led to harsher disciplines and restrictions on slaves.

Most white southerners actually didn't own any slaves. They were *Yeoman farmers*, or independent landowners. However, they still believed in the institution of slavery and the racial hierarchy.

### Unit 5

## Westward Expansion

Named Manifest Destiny by newspaper editor John O'Sullivan in 1845

"And that claim is by the right of our manifest destiny to overspread and to possess the whole of the continent which Providence has given us for the development of the great experiment of liberty and federated self-government entrusted to us."

Americans needed access to more mineral and natural resources

- Discovery of gold in California in 1848
  - California Gold Rush
  - Subsequent discoveries in Colorado, the Dakotas, and Nevada caused more migration west

**Preemption Acts** made vast tracts of land cheap for people who wanted to buy it, set up a homestead and start farming

Migration was largely made by middle class and not by the poor

# James K. Polk Presidency (1845-1849)

- Polk was a big believer of Manifest Destiny
- Wanted to add Texas and Oregon to the Union

#### Texas

- Texas still belonged to Mexico
- However by 1830, there were 3 times as many Americans than Mexicans
  - Generally Southern, Protestant, and slave-owning too
- In 1829 Mexico made 2 requirements:
  - 1. Must convert to Roman Catholicism
  - 2. Slavery to be outlawed
  - The Americans ignored this, so the Mexico shut down the border
- Revolted in 1834 under the leadership of Sam Houston and declared themselves an independent republic
  - Mexico disagreed and sent forces down
    - \* The Mexicans won a stunning victory at the Alamo and killed every American
    - \* Captured the Mexican generals in the Battle of San Jacinto and forced them to sign an independence treaty
    - \* Mexican government didn't recognize this (for good reason)
    - \* Complicated matters when applying for statehood

## Mexican-American War

- Presidents Jackson, Van Buren, Harrison, and Tyler decided not to annex Texas
- Polk did annex Texas
- Mexico was fine with Texas being independent, but not happy with it joining the US
  - Polk sent a diplomat named John Slidell to Mexico City
    - \* Asked Mexican government to sell New Mexico and Californina to the US
    - \* Also asked to settle the location of the southern border of Mexico
      - · Mexican government said it ran along the Nueces River
      - · American government said it ran along the Rio Grande
- Polk sent General Zachary Taylor to the Rio Grande in 1846
  - 11 Americans died when Mexico reacted
- Polk was outraged, and on May 13th, 1846, Congress declared war
- American troops led by Winfield Scott won Mexico City
  - Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo (1848)
    - \* Established the Rio Grande as the southern border of Texas
    - $\ast$  Mexican cession Mexico would cede California and New Mexico to the US for \$15 million dollars
      - · California and Mexico would enter as free states
    - \* All Mexicans living there would be granted US citizenship
      - · Indians, who were given citizenship by Mexico, were given no such offer by the US

#### • Wilmot Proviso

- Proposed that any land gained by victory in the Mexican-American war be off limits for the expansion of slavery
  - \* Ultimately voted down

\* Some say this was the first step to Civil War

## Oregon

- Both the British and American laid competing claims
  - British had been there for longer and had established a fur trade
  - However, there were more Americans living there
- The Oregon Territory was divided at the 49th parallel

# Views on Slavery (again)

Southerners thought slavery was a constitutional right

• Wanted to continue the line drawn by the Missouri Compromise all the way to the Pacific Ocean

#### Free Soil Movement

- Composed to Northern Democrats and Whigs
- Wanted new territories acquired to be the dominion of free laborers
- Popular Sovereignty the people in each territory should decide on slavery for themselves
- Free Soil Party
  - Supported Wilmot Proviso
  - Weren't interested in abolishing slavery in the South; only stop it from expanding into new territories

#### Abolitionists

- The Liberator by William Lloyd Garrison
- Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe
- Frederick Douglas
- John Brown
  - Violent and fierce man
  - Raid at Harpers Ferry (1859)
    - \* Plan was to steal weapons and distribute to start an uprising
    - \* Repelled by Robert E. Lee
    - \* Hanged for his crimes
- Underground Railroad
  - A series of trails and safe houses
  - Tens of thousands escaped using it

## Compromise of 1850

- 1. Mexican cession divided into Utah and New Mexico territories and would practice popular sovereignty
- 2. California would be admitted as a free state
- 3. Slave trade banned in Washington D.C.
- 4. Stricter Fugitive Slave Law

## Kansas-Nebraska Act (1854)

- Nebraska was above the 36 30 line
  - Slavery could not exist according to the Compromise of 1820
- Stephen Douglas of Illinois proposed to divide it into two parts, Kansas and Nebraska
  - States to decide by popular sovereignty
    - \* Bleeding Kansas violence caused by the sides fighting over free v. slavery
  - Would effectively overturn the Compromise of 1820
- Pro-slavery Missourians came across the border to vote for Kansas becoming a slave state as well
- Resulted in two Constitutions
  - Pro-slavery in Lecompton
  - Anti-slavery in Topeka
  - President Franklin Pierce recognized the pro-slavery government

## Political Parties (again)

Whig Party was divided into the pro-slavery Cotton Whigs and the anti-slavery Conscience Whigs

Democratic Party was gaining strength as a regional pro-slavery party

The Republican Party was formed in 1854

- Former Know Nothing Party members
- Abolitionists
- Free Soilers
- Conscience Whigs

They did not advocate the abolition of slavery, simply that slavery should not be able to spread into new territories

• Southern Democrats didn't care and saw this as a huge threat

# Dredd Scott (1857)

Dredd Scott was an enslaved state who lived in Missouri

He was taken by his master to live in Illinois and Wisconsin, two states in which slavery was illegal Dredd Scott sued his master for his freedom, arguing that by living in free territory for two years he was free

Chief Justice Roger Taney was a Southern Democrat and decided against Scott

- 1. As a slave, Dredd Scott was not a citizen and therefore had no right to sue in federal court
- 2. The Constitution clearly states that Congress cannot deprive any citizen of property
  - Slave owners could take slaves anywhere they wanted without fear of being deprived of their property
    - This was massive because effectively any "free" state would now be open to slavery

# Lincoln Election/Secession

The Democratic Party was divided into two (three?) factions

The Northern Democrats were represented by Stephen Douglas (KS-NE Act), and wanted slavery question to be answered by popular sovereignty

The Southern Democrats were represented by John Breckinridge, and wanted slavery in new territories protected by federal slave code, until they became states to decide by popular sovereignty

Lincoln, a Republican who ran on the Free Soil platform, won 40% of the popular vote but won the electoral vote without a single electoral vote from the Southern states

In December of 1860, South Carolina seceded from the Union, and within 6 weeks, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, Texas, Mississippi, and Louisiana had followed. Later, Virginia, Arkansas, Tennessee, and North Carolina also seceded, becoming the **Confederate States of America** 

#### Civil War

## Advantages of each side

South

- Fought a defensive war
- Far greater and more experienced military leaders
  - Robert E. Lee
  - Stonewall Jackson

## North

- 4x the population of the South
- Robust navy to control seas and rivers

- Controlled majority of banks, manufacturing, and railroads
- Well-established central government

## **Financing**

The North rapidly modernized production and manufacturing capacities

• Future barons of industry like Andrew Carnegie and John D. Rockefeller got their start by manufacturing for the Union effort

The South relied mainly on taxes and tariffs on exports to raise revenue

- War tax
  - Confederacy was built on the notion of states' rights, so people just refused

## Public opinion

New York City Draft Riots

- Law said you could pay \$300 to dodge draft if called upon
  - \$300 was a lot back then
  - Working class men thought this as an injustice
- Protest against this in NYC turned violent
  - At least 120 people were killed

### Battles & strategy

Fort Sumter - a federal possession located in Confederate South Carolina

- South Carolinians cut off supply lines to the fort from the North
- Rather than fighting, Lincoln announced he would send provision to the trapped troops
- South started firing up Union suppliers

#### First Battle of Bull Run

- 30,000 Union troops marched to confront Confederate troops at Bull Run Creek in Virginia
  - Civilians came out with picnics to watch
- The Union were destroying the Confederate
- But then Confederate reinforcements arrived with Stonewall Jackson, the tides were turned

Anaconda Plan - The North would use its naval advantage to blockade Southern ports and control the Mississippi River, effectively splitting the South in half

Union leadership was pretty shitty but they improved (Ulysses S. Grant)

The South strategy relied on foreign help (Britain and France)

- Both relied heavily on the South's exported cotton for their textile industries
- However, both India and Egypt could produce cotton so this plan failed

#### Battle of Vicksburg

- Union gained control of the Mississippi under the leadership of General Grant
  - Anaconda Plan successfully cut the South in half
- Destroyed South's infrastructure
- Grant sent General William Tecumseh Sherman to capture Atlanta
  - Sherman burnt it to the ground
  - $\it March~to~the~Sea$  destroyed railroads, burned crops and land (scorched earth) from Atlanta to Savannah

### **Appomattox Courthouse**

• General Grant and General Lee met on April 9th, 1865

- Lee formally surrendered
- The war was over

## Famous Shit Lincoln Did

## **Emancipation Proclamation**

- Lincoln freed enslaved people only in the Confederacy beginning on January 1st, 1863
- Only 5 states in the Union, border states (Delaware, Maryland, Kentucky, Missouri, West Virginia) had slaves, and slavery remained

Basically Lincoln freed slaves in the Confederacy were he had no authority to do so, and didn't free them in the border states in which he did

The Emancipation Proclamation was more of a military strategy than a document of freedom

- Enslaved workers in Confederacy escaped plantations and ran to safety of Union lines
  - Some took up arms and fought for the Union cause
- Closed the door on British involvement
  - British had recently abolished slavery
  - Didn't care about Southern cotton anymore

## Gettysburg Address (November 19th, 1863)

It was delivered at the dedication of the Gettysburg Cemetery

## Purposes

- 1. Unify the nation
- 2. Portray the struggle against slavery as the fulfillment of America's founding democratic ideals

"Four score and seven years ago..."

## Lincoln reframed the purpose of the war

## Reconstruction (1865-1877)

## RIP Lincoln

- John Wilkes Booth assassinated Lincoln on April 14th, 1865 at the Ford Theatre
- Vice President Andrew Johnson became the President
  - Southerner from Tennessee
  - Did attempt to carry out Lincoln's plan
  - Stood by while former slave owning class recreated the same discrimination

## How the South should be treated

- Abraham Lincoln thought the South never left the Union because it was legally impossible would only do so
  - Treating them harshly would only make matters worse
  - Ten-Percent Plan established a minimal test of loyalty to return to Union
    - 1. Could reestablish their state governments if 10% of the 1860 electorate pledged loyalty to the Union
    - 2. State legislature had to ratify the 13th Amendment which abolished slavery

**Sharecropping** - landowners provided seed and farm supplies to a worker, in exchange for a share of the harvest

In theory it was a decent opportunity for newly emancipated slaves to get a fresh start, but in practice it was just another form of forced servitude

White Supremacy - just because former enslaved people were now citizens didn't mean Southerners had to accept them as equal

• Ku Klux Klan was founded in 1867 on the principle that the white race was superior to the black race, and well, you know their reputation

## Radical Republicans

- A group of Congressmen who hated Johnson's policies
- Wanted Reconstruction to be led by Congress instead of the President
- Pass legislature that upheld and extended rights for blacks in the South and suppressed Southern resurgence
  - Freedmen's Bureau
  - Civil Rights Act of 1866
    - \* Protected citizenship of black people and gave them equal protection under the law
- Andrew Johnson vetoed both
  - Radical Republicans mustered a 2/3 majority to override the veto, and passed them
- 14th Amendment All persons who were born or naturalized in the United States were citizens of the United States, and that every citizen enjoyed equal protection of the laws on the state level
- Reconstruction Acts of 1876
  - Passed over Johnson's veto
  - Assured that all laws passed in the South would be enforced
    - \* Divided the South into 5 military districts and sent federal troops
  - Increased the requirements for Southern states to rejoin the Union
    - \* Would now have to ratify the 14th Amendment as well
    - \* Add to their state constitution a provision for universal male voting rights
      - · Give both black and white men voting rights
      - · Pissed women off though

## (Wo)men

15th Amendment - granted voting rights to the newly freed black population of the South

Split the women's right movement into two groups

- Stanton and Anthony formed the National Woman Suffrage Association
- Lucy Stone and Henry Blackwell argued that it was important to support Reconstruction efforts federally and work on women's suffrage on the state level
  - Formed the American Woman Suffrage Association

The National Woman Suffrage Association did not like the 15th Amendment The American Woman Suffrage Association did

## Impeachment of Andrew Johnson

Impeachment - trial that determines if a president should be removed from office

Congressional Republicans really wanted Johnson out of office

Tenure of Office Act - made it illegal for the president to fire a member of his Cabinet without Congressional approvement

- Johnson didn't care and fired someone anyway
- Congress brought a full scale impeachment trial
  - After a 3 month trial, the Senate failed to kick him out by  $\it one$  vote
  - However, it basically rendered Johnson powerless

### Some? improvement

- Black population established black schools and colleges
- Some black men got elected to representative positions
- Freedmen's Bureau helped reunite families separated by slavery and arranged for their education and social welfare

#### **Black Codes**

- Placed many restrictions on black people in the south
- Prohibited black Americans from borrowing money to buy or rent land
  - $\rightarrow$  sharecropping
- Prohibited black people from testifying against white people in court
  - Violence and injustice against blacks would never be heard from in court
- Racial segregation in society

## Samuel Tilden v. Rutherford B. Hayes (Election of 1876)

- Kind of a reason Reconstruction ended
- Tilden won the majority of the popular vote
- Neither won enough electoral votes to win
  - Both the Republicans and Democrats claimed victory in South Carolina, Louisiana, and Florida
- Special electoral committee, with a majority of Republicans
  - Surprise surprise they declared a Republican victory for Hayes
- Compromise of 1877
  - Democrats agreed to concede election to Hayes
  - In exchange, Republicans agreed to remove all federal troops from the South